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Cyber Security
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some online spying agents of neighbouring countries are constantly trying to hack the Indian computer network and the intelligence agencies of the said countries have tried to steal secret defence information through the use of Computer Storage Media (CSM);

(b) if so, whether the Government has information of any such activity taking place within the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) It is common practice for hackers / spies of Intelligence agencies to hack computer systems to gain intelligence about target countries. There have been cyber attacks on some isolated internet connections of Defence Personnel. However, all computers employed for official work by the Defence forces are comprehensively isolated from the internet to obviate any breach.
(b) There has been no known or reported case of Intelligence agencies trying to steal our defence secrets through the use of Computer Storage Media.
(c) The preventive measures being taken by Armed Forces include:
(i) Maintaining physically segregated exclusive networks by the Armed Forces.
(ii) Establishment of Cyber Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) to take care of any threats.
(iii) Institution of safeguards in form of audits, physical checks and policy guidelines.

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